

Amendments of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified patent application:

Listing of Claims

1-62. (Canceled)

63. (Currently amended) A method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

displaying a list of a plurality of program titles, wherein each of the plurality of program titles is for an unscheduled program that is outside a program listings time frame that is currently available to a user;

displaying information with the plurality of program titles, wherein the information informs the user that the unscheduled programs are outside the program listings time frame that is currently available to the user and informs the user that the unscheduled programs are expected to be available at a later time;

providing the user with the opportunity to select a program title from the displayed list of the plurality of program titles; and

providing a program-specific availability notification to the user indicating the availability of the program corresponding to the selected program title ~~when the corresponding program is now in response to the listing of the program corresponding to the selected program title~~ in the current program listings time frame.

64. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

65. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing an e-mail notification.

66. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a message notification.

67. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 wherein providing a notification includes providing a reminder notification.

68. (Original) The method defined in claim 63 further comprising providing the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

69. (Currently amended) A program guide system, comprising:
user equipment for:

i) displaying a list of a plurality of program titles, wherein each of the plurality of program titles is for an unscheduled program that is outside a program listings time frame that is currently available to a user;

ii) displaying information with the plurality of program titles, wherein the information informs the user that the unscheduled programs are outside the program listings time frame that is currently available to the user and informs the user that the unscheduled programs are expected to be available at a later time;

iii) providing the user with the opportunity to select a program title from the displayed list of the plurality of program titles; and

iv) providing a program-specific availability notification to the user indicating the availability of the program corresponding to the selected program title when the corresponding program is now in response to the listing of the program corresponding to the selected program title in the current program listings time frame.

70. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user television equipment.

71. (Original) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is user personal computer equipment.

72. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is further configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

73. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide an e-mail notification.

74. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a message notification.

75. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide a reminder notification.

76. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

77. (Currently amended) In a user television equipment, a method for receiving notifications for upcoming programs, comprising:

displaying a list of a plurality of program titles, wherein each of the plurality of program titles is for an unscheduled program that is outside a program listings time frame that is currently available to a user;

displaying information with the plurality of program titles, wherein the information informs the user that the unscheduled programs are outside the program listings time frame that is currently available to the user and informs the user that the unscheduled programs are expected to be available at a later time;

providing the user with the opportunity to select a program from the displayed list of the plurality of program titles; and

displaying a program-specific availability notification to the user indicating the availability of the program corresponding to the selected program title ~~when the corresponding program is now in response to the listing of the program corresponding to the selected program title~~ in the current program listings time frame of the user television equipment.

78. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprising displaying a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

79. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a message notification.

80. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 wherein displaying includes displaying a reminder notification.

81. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprising providing the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.

82. (Currently amended) A program guide system, comprising:
user television equipment for:

i) displaying a list of a plurality of program titles, wherein each of the plurality of program titles is for an unscheduled program that is outside a program listings time frame that is currently available to a user;

ii) displaying information with the plurality of program titles, wherein the information informs the user that the unscheduled programs are outside the program listings time frame that is currently available to the user and informs the user that the unscheduled programs [[is]] are expected to be available at a later time;

iii) providing the user with the opportunity to select a program title from the displayed list of the plurality of program titles; and

iv) displaying a program-specific availability notification to the user indicating the availability of the program corresponding to the selected program title ~~when the~~

~~corresponding program is now in response to the listing of the program corresponding to the selected program title~~ in the current program listings time frame.

83. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is further configured to display a list of programs for which a notification is to be provided.

84. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a message notification.

85. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to display a reminder notification.

86. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 82 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to setup a configuration of the notification.